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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was mostly steady on 8-16 lb. hens, weak on 16-24 lb. toms. Offerings were irregular, but finding limited interest. Bulk parts continue to be well cleared at steady values. The very light demand for bulk meats and trims resulted in a barely steady undertone. Demand for fresh mechanically separated turkey was moderate and prices were mostly steady.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was active on fresh tom drums at mostly 41 cents delivered border. Frozen tom drums and thigh meat movement fair. Strong demand for tom drums cleared available supplies and maintained prices at current levels.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 05, 2003**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	60-63	60	60.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	62-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	67-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-71	67	67.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	62-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF DECEMBER 05, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	69.50	69.00**	69.56
CENTRAL REGION	67.00	67.90	69.01
WESTERN REGION	69.00**	67.64	68.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	65.00	65.00	63.00
CENTRAL REGION	61.00	62.00	61.96
WESTERN REGION	63.90**	62.19	61.00

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	71-74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	70-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	72-80

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	109-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-130

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT**

U.S. GRADE A DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION,  
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 08-DEC-2003

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	HENS	LBS	TOMS	LBS
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	84.57	280	81.67	120
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	84.57	280	81.67	120
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		40		20

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**  
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

OCTOBER	496,216*
NOVEMBER 1-29, 2003	421,708*
To date 2003	5,212,189*
To date 2002	4,825,304*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 29-Nov-2003  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG	
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE	
	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	421	-56	21.75	(A)	422	21.75
SATL	447	-47	30.92	(A)	448	30.92
N CENT	1,349	-39	32.29	(A)	1,350	32.29
S CENT	185	-61	24.89	(A)	186	24.89
WEST	271	-62	23.74	(A)	272	23.74
U.S. TOTAL	2,673(B)	-49	29.02	5	2,678	29.02
TO-DATE						
2003	225,338(B)			603	225,941	
TO-DATE						
2002	224,419(B)			600	225,019	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 50,000 for the year 3,021,000; last year to date 2,573,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

		<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>W/E 29-Nov-2003</u>	
		HENS	TOMS	YOUNG	OLD
				BREEDERS	TOTAL
				THOUSANDS	
HEAD	1,018	1,605	50	5	2,678
AVG WT	15.61	37.60	26.57	29.30	29.02
LAST WEEK	2,076	3,087	37	0	5,200
SAME WK YR AGO	946	1,845	16	26	2,833
AVG WT	15.36	37.46	22.32	33.22	29.96
TO-DATE/2003	90,673	131,644	3,021	603	225,941
TO-DATE/2002	89,134	132,712	2,573	600	225,019

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 4 DECEMBER 2003.

Parts trading was light with the market tone mostly steady. Meats activity slow and showing a weak undertone. Demand was limited, with buyers in the export area bidding lower. Offerings are limited, but sufficient for the current demand.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00		43.00	52
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		T	41.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	43.00		43.00	30
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	44.00		44.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	41.00-43.00		42.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	72.00		72.00	20
NECKS, TOM	25.00-26.00		25.73	82
NECKS, HEN	24.00		24.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	150.00	80
THIGH MEAT		T	88.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	91.00		91.00	5
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	112.50	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	18.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	42.60	134
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	17.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	79.00	162

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 5 DECEMBER 2003.**

Domestic trading of parts centered on tom drums and mechanically separated turkey balance light. Export trading active on tom drums and thigh meat to Mexico, balance very light. Domestic demand mixed. Demand from the export area fairly good from Mexico, while other areas showing limited interest to purchase product without a discount. Multiple loads of fresh tom drums delivered to Mexico at mostly 41 cents.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	42.00-43.00		42.53	150	43.02	462
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	42.00		42.00	30	41.27	110
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	43.00	30	43.00	70
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	44.00		44.00	80	43.83	180
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	42.00	40	42.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	72.00	20	72.00	40
NECKS, TOM	24.00-25.00		24.70	135	25.23	257
NECKS, HEN	24.00		24.00	40	24.00	50
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	150.00	80	150.00	80
THIGH MEAT		T	88.00	40	88.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	88.00		88.00	20	88.60	25
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	73.00		73.00	7	73.00	7
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	66.00		66.00	68	66.00	68
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	112.00-114.00		112.36	78	112.43	158
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	15.00-18.00		17.81	370	17.73	490
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	41.00-43.00		41.67	360	42.03	594
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	80	16.33	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	86.00-89.00		87.00	240	83.78	402

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